

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 25, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 27, 2016

**Subject:** Authorize Execution of Contract Options with Motor Coach Industries (MCI)

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** 2016 Capital Budget, Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Authorized Capital Program

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**Division/Department:** Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options on Contract 14P053 with MCI to purchase six coach buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,580,650.

### Background

The Council awarded contract #14P053 to MCI in October 2014. The contract includes the purchase of 49 forty-five foot coach buses with options of up to an additional 95. Staff must receive Council approval prior to the exercise of options.

### Rationale

This purchase will consist of six replacement vehicles for use by SouthWest Transit. These buses will replace current fleet that will have met their useful life requirements per federal regulations and adopted Council procedures when the new buses arrive in late 2016.

### Funding

Purchase of these replacement buses is included in the 2016-2021 CIP and the Authorized Capital Program. Funding for these buses will be 80% federal and 20% local.

### Known Support / Opposition

This vehicle purchase has the support of SouthWest Transit.